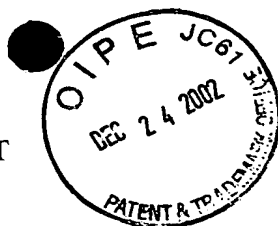


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SIR:

In response to the Office communication mailed December 2, 2002, please amend the
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